

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner states that the present application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: the reference numerals depicting various features in Claims 1-28 should either be enclosed in parenthesis or deleted. In response, Applicants amend the claims using double brackets to indicate deletion of reference numerals and characters.

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 1, 17-22 and 25-28 are amended, leaving Claims 1-28 for consideration upon entry of the present amendments and following remarks.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) or 1.136(b) which may be required for entry and consideration of the present Reply.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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